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SUBJ: MEETING WITH NATIONALISTS

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1. AS NOTED REFTEL C, WITHOUT ANY ENCOURAGEMENT OR MENTION OF THE SUBJECT BY ME, THE ZAMBians INCLUDED A MEETING WITH THE NATIONALISTS (NKOMO) FOR THE MORNING OF SEPT 17 ON THE SCHEDULE THEY SUGGESTED TO MY YESTERDAY. BASED ON THE FIRST INSTRUCTION FROM THE DEPT (REFTEL A), I ACCEPTED THIS PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT COMMUNICATED DIRECTLY WITH NKOMO OR DONE ANYTHING OURSELVES ABOUT REQUESTING THE MEETING DIRECTLY FROM HIM. WE COULD THEREFORE GO BACK TO THE ZAMBians AND ASK THAT THE MEETING BE RESCHEDULED FOR THE 22ND-23RD, REQUESTING THEM TO SET IT UP, AS I UNDERSTAND IS YOUR DESIRE AS STATED REFTEL B. ALTERNATIVELY, WE CAN LEAVE IT ON THE 17TH AND AGAIN REQUEST THE ZAMBians TO ARRANGE THE MEETING SINCE IT WAS THEIRS IN THE FIRST PLACE.

2. WITH REGARD TO NUJOMA, I SEE NO PROBLEM TO OUR LEAVING IT TO THE ZAMBians TO SET UP OR NOT AS THEY CONSIDER BEST. WE CAN ALSO LEAVE THE LOCATION TO THEM. DO I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WOULD PREFER A NUJOMA MEETING, IF IT SHOULD TAKE PLACE, TO BE ON THE 22ND-23RD RATHER THAN THE 17TH?

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